PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF

NEBRASKA,

HELD IN

DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SEPTEMBER 8-12, 1897,

IN

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH,

REV. H. J. HAPEMAN, PASTOR.

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Salem Lutheran Church, Dakota Co., Neb., Sept. 8–12, 1897.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska met in Salem Lutheran Church, Dakota County, Nebraska, Rev. H. J. Hapeman, pastor *loci*, on Wednesday evening, September 8, 1897.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Luther P. Ludden, President of Synod. Text, Isa. ii. 2–4.

FIRST DAY—FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M.

One-half hour was spent in devotional services. At the hour appointed Synod was formally called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the lay delegates enrolled.

Roll.

Clerical.	Entered Ministry.	Address.	Lay Delegates.
W. F. Eyster, D. D., *a. e.*	1841	Crete, Neb.	
J. Zimmerman, *a. e.*	1856	Lincoln, Neb.	
S. L. Aughey, LL. D., *a. e.*	1858	Lineville, Ala.	
C. A. Fritze, *a. e.*	1858	Hastings, Neb.	
J. G. Groenmiller	1858	Rockport, Mo.	
H. W. Kuhns, D. D.	1858	Omaha, Neb.	
W. A. Lipe	1860	West Point, Neb.	Edward Dodendorf, *a. e.*
B. Sickel, *a.*	1862	Rockport, Mo.	
H. Siekmann, *a. e.*	1862	Hastings, Neb.	
L. Groh	1863	Omaha, Neb.	C. D. Shultz, *a. e.*
J. H. Link, *a. e.*	1865	Lincoln, Neb.	
J. A. Clutz, D. D, *a. e.*	1872	Atchison, Kan.	
J. F. Cressler	1872	Tekamah, Neb.	Geo. A. Crannell.
D. Z. Foulk, *a. e.*	1873	North Platte, Neb.	
A. C. Gearhart, D. D., *a.*	1873	Lincoln, Neb.	
I. N. Augustine	1874	Bartlett, Neb.	
R. W. Petrea	1876	Pawnee City, Neb.	John E. Webber, *a. e.*
Luther P. Ludden	1878	Lincoln, Neb.	S. C. Crounse.
J. N. Zimmer	1878	Millard, Neb.	
G. H. Albright, *a. e.*	1879	Lincoln, Neb.	
A. T. Ludwig, *a. e.*	1879	Allentown, Pa.	
W. Dieffenbach	1880	South Auburn, Neb.	Matt. Mayers, *a. e.*
G. W. Dell	1885	Nebraska City, Neb.	F. Fulreide, *a. e.*
Luther M. Kuhns	1885	Omaha, Neb.	J. F. Smith, *a. e.*
W. C. McCool	1886	Stella, Neb.	D. S. Zimmerman, *a. e.*
A. J. Turkle	1886	Omaha, Neb.	
R. A. White	1886	Benedict, Neb.	
H. J. Hapeman	1888	Dakota City, Neb.	George Leamer.
E. Bollman	1889	Davenport, Neb.	D. A. Berkey, *a. e.*
E. Roglin, *a. e.*	1890	Pleasant Valley, Neb.	
Max F. Schulz	1892	Yutan, Neb.	
W. C. Eckhart	1892	Dakota City, Neb.	
L. J. Motschmann	1893	Beatrice, Neb.	Paul Springer, *a. e.*
J. S. Leamer	1894	Grand Island, Neb.	
C. J. Ringer	1894	Hardy, Neb.	
H. A. Wolfe	1895	Surprise, Neb.	
	....	David City, Neb.	
	....	Lincoln, St. Mark's	Prof. L. F. M. Easterday.
	....	Pawnee, Zion.	
	....	Ponca.	
	....	Roca	J. J. Stein, *a. e.*
	....	Sidney.	
	....	Waverly.	
	....	Wayne.	
	....	Wilber.	
	....	Yutan	J. Bender.

a. e. Absent and excused. *a.* Absent.

President's Report.

Beloved Brethren: "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Assembled under circumstances the most favorable, amid a year of full harvests, and with returning business prosperity, and in this our Quarto-Centennial Convention as a Synod, it becomes our duty first of all to recognize the goodness of God in permitting our Synod to see these twenty-five years of work for the Master. We should render unto Him also the gratitude of our hearts and the praise of our lips for the multiplicity of blessings with which He has crowned these years. This will be a session in which hallowed and sacred memories will be recalled. All through these years our ministers have been faithful in the preaching of "the glorious gospel of the blessed God." Looking at the difficulties in our work and comparing results, truly we may say the "little one has become a thousand." We should cherish in grateful remembrance these pioneers who braved everything to plant the standard of our beloved Church in this great commonwealth. May their active efforts still be blest to the good of our Synod and the upbuilding of Zion!

Briefly stated, the official acts of the President are as follows:

I. PASTORAL CHANGES.

November 1, 1896, the Rev. L. Groh relinquished his work at Wilber and immediately assumed the pastoral charge of the St. Mark's church, Omaha.

November 1, 1896, the Rev. W. H. Singley, D. D., closed his labors as pastor of the St. Mark's church, Lincoln.

March 8, 1897, the Rev. J. W. Buzzard resigned as pastor of the Burt county charge, preaching his last sermon March 28, 1897.

April 1, 1897, the Rev. W. C. Eckhart ceased to be the pastor at Wayne.

April 30, 1897, the Rev. R. W. Petrea discontinued preaching at the Zion or country church in Pawnee.

May 31, 1897, the Rev. Max F. Schulz closed his labors as regular pastor at Yutan. He has continued to supply the German preaching.

June 1, 1897, the Rev. A. C. Gearhart, D. D., began work as regular supply for our church at David City.

About June 15, 1897, Mr. E. E. Stauffer, a student from the Western Theological Seminary, began supply work for the Zion church of Pawnee.

July 25, 1897, the Rev. R. A. White resigned as pastor at Benedict, the resignation to take effect November 1, 1897.

August 27, 1897, the Rev. J. H. Link severed his relation with the Trinity church at Waverly.

About August 1, 1897, the Rev. J. N. Zimmer began supply work for the English portion of the church at Yutan.

II. DISMISSALS.

May 21, 1897, a letter of dismissal was granted to the Rev. J. C. McCaughey, to the Virginia Synod.

July 16, 1897, letters of dismissal were given to the Rev. J. W. Buzzard, to the Kansas Synod, and to the Rev. Fred. Gafert, to the German Synod of Nebraska.

July 16, 1897, the St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church of Grand Island was dismissed, to unite with the German Synod of Nebraska.

September 4, 1897, the Rev. W. H. Singley, D. D., received a letter of dismissal to the Wittenberg Synod.

September 6, 1897, the Rev. W. C. Barnett was dismissed to the Olive Branch Synod.

III. RECEPTION.

July 4, 1897, the Rev. J. F. Cressler took charge as pastor of the Burt county charge. Subsequently he presented his letter of dismissal from the Iowa Synod. His name has been properly enrolled.

IV. VACANCIES.

The following churches are without pastors: Lincoln, St. Mark's, Pawnee, Zion's, Ponca, Roca, Sidney, Waverly, Wayne, Wilber and Yutan.

I have visited all but two of the vacancies, and cannot understand why some of them are not supplied with regular pastors. We have men willing to work, and churches that want pastors, and yet we cannot bring them together. Synod ought to take some decisive action along this line of work.

V. NEW BUILDINGS.

Sunday, October 25, 1896, the corner-stone was laid of the Grace Evangelical Lutheran church, Omaha, the Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, pastor. The day was beautiful and the services inspiring. The sermon was preached by the Rev. H. W. Kuhns, D. D. The pastor, assisted by the President of Synod, attended to the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone. On Sunday, August 15, 1897, this beautiful brick building was formally consecrated to the worship of the Triune God. The dedicatory sermon was preached by the Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., while the gathering of the offerings was placed in the hands of the Rev. H. L. Yarger. The pastor, assisted by several of the brethren, conducted the dedicatory service proper, and thus another completed temple of worship has been added to our list of substantial churches.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS.

While none of the ministers have been removed by death, yet it has entered some of our homes. October 26, 1896, I was summoned to Beatrice to attend the funeral of the infant child of Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Motschmann. April 6, 1897, I was called to Benedict to preach the funeral sermon of the beloved wife of our brother, the Rev. R. A. White.

I recommend that a committee of three, composed of members of Synod who can speak German, be appointed to visit Yutan to try and help unify our work at that point. I think the committee should be given the largest possible power.

VII. CONCLUSION.

And now, dearly beloved brethren, the year's work is done. Having served you to the best of my ability, I return the trust you committed unto me to you from whom I received it, with profound thanks for the honor conferred, and the forbearance exercised toward my infirmities. The present state of our churches seems to me to call upon us to labor and pray more earnestly that the great Head of the Church would send us all, pastors and people, times of refreshing from His presence.

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee; for my brethren and companions' sake, I will now say, peace be within thee."

LUTHER P. LUDDEN.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 8, 1897.

The report was referred to Committee No. 2.

Treasurer's Report of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

To the President and Members of the Synod of Nebraska:

DEAR BRETHREN: As your Treasurer I submit the following report for the year ending September 1, 1897:

RECEIPTS.

On hand September 10, 1896		$23 13
Received for Home Missions—		
Regular	$241 45	
Children's	133 33	
Deficit Fund	24 25	
		399 03

Received for Foreign Missions—			
	Regular	$171 71	
	Children	105 61	
	N. E. Yeiser Fund	5 00	
	India Famine Sufferers	15 52	
	Armenian Sufferers	9 90	
			307 74
"	Church Extension—		
	Regular	$181 58	
	Children's	64 06	
			245 64
"	General Synod		41 48
"	Nebraska Synod		89 47
"	Beneficiary Education		283 58
"	Board of Education		95 91
"	Midland College Library Fund		6 25
"	Western Theological Seminary		100 00
"	Melanchthon Memorial Library Building		14 65
"	Orphans' Home		56 22
"	Pastors' Fund		45 29
"	Deaconess Board		15 80
"	National Lutheran Home		14 30
	Total		$1738 49

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Treasurer of	Home Mission Board		$398 79
" "	Foreign Missions		307 74
" "	Church Extension		245 64
" "	Education Board		195 91
" "	Orphans' Home		56 22
" "	Pastors' Fund		45 29
" "	General Synod		41 48
" "	Deaconess Board		15 80
" "	National Lutheran Home		14 30
" "	Melanchthon Memorial Library Building		14 65

Paid President of Midland College			6 25
" Beneficiaries			302 87
" First National Bank, Lincoln, Exchange on 6 drafts to President Midland College			60
" Out of Synodical Treasury—			
Lutheran Publication Society	$35 00		
On order of Synod	10 21		
For Treasurer's Bond	10 00		
For Journal Book	1 25		
For Postage	5 71		
			62 17
On hand September 1, 1897			30 78
Total as above			$1738 49

The Balance on hand is in the following accounts—

Home Missions	$0 24
Synodical Treasury	30 54
Total	$30 78

My tabulated exhibit shows at a glance from whom the money was received and to what objects it was given. The 193 receipt stubs, agreeing with the cash account, less balance on hand, represent all the money received by me during the year, $1,715.36, and the 66 numbered vouchers show to whom the money has gone. For my own convenience I have added a cash account to the accompanying book, so that I might be able to tell at short notice the amount on hand, and to keep a perfect balance with the bank. This may not be necessary to every treasurer, but it lessens the possibility of error. I thank you for the many courtesies extended to me during the past year. Having performed the duties of my office to the best of my ability, it is with pleasure I submit my report.

Fraternally, S. C. CROUNSE,

Sept. 1, 1897. *Treasurer Ev. Luth. Synod of Nebraska*

For Treasurer's tabulated exhibit see pages 10 and 11.

Treasurer's Exhibit for Synodical

		Home Missions.			Foreign Missions.					Church Extension.	
		Regular	Children's	Deficit Fund	Regular	Children's	N. E. Yeiser Fund	India Famine Sufferers	Armenian Sufferers	Regular	Children's
1	Auburn	.....	$9 00	.....	$1 00	$2 69	.....	.....	.....	$12 19	36 11
2	Bartlett	$3 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 27	.....
3	Beatrice	11 98	8 80	$15 25	8 27	6 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 89
4	Benedict	2 25	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 75	.....
5	Benedict, Bethel	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Dakota City	3 89	.....	.....	.....	6 07	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....
7	Dakota County, Salem	4 00	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....
8	Dakota County, Homer	2 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	Davenport	12 82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10	Davenport Carlisle	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	David City	6 30	.....	.....	1 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	Grand Island, English	7 00	.....	.....	3 32	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....
13	Grand Island, German	2 67	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....
14	Hardy	8 21	5 00	.....	3 41	2 55	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....
15	Hastings	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....
16	Lincoln, Grace	8 53	13 55	4 00	4 72	11 78	.....	.....	.....	13 45	7 80
17	Lincoln, St. Mark's	3 06	5 00	.....	1 32	2 22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	Nebraska City	3 00	11 98	.....	9 70	10 00	.....	$10 52	$2 50	13 00	.....
19	North Platte	2 20	17 30	.....	17 10	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....
20	Omaha, Kountze Mem	19 00	16 52	.....	19 00	16 88	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 51
21	Omaha, Grace	9 96	4 30	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	7 87	.....
22	Omaha, St. Mark's	2 26	15 59	5 00	6 00	7 88	.....	.....	.....	4 52	9 38
23	Omaha, St. Matthew's	.....	4 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
24	Pawnee City	10 87	.....	.....	10 12	.....	.....	.....	7 40	10 50	.....
25	Pawnee County, Zion's	.....	.....	.....	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	57	.....
26	Pawnee Co., Clear Creek	.....	.....	.....	1 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
27	Pawnee Co., Steinauer	.....	2 50	.....	3 79	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 30	.....
28	Roca	5 20	1 55	.....	.....	5 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 25
29	Rising City	5 43	.....	.....	1 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 31	.....
30	Sidney	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
31	Stella	25 00	.....	.....	16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	29 54	.....
32	Surprise	11 39	.....	.....	8 84	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 84	.....
33	Tekamah, Emmanuel	9 50	4 35	.....	6 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 32	.....
34	Tekamah, Grace	10 28	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
35	Waverly	.....	85	.....	.....	2 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
36	Wayne	6 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
37	West Point	18 12	12 93	.....	14 93	9 22	.....	.....	.....	24 15	.....
38	Wilbur	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
39	Yutan	9 00	.....	.....	2 24	12 85	$5 00	.....	.....	.....	7 14
40	Rev. Dr. Clutz	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
41	Rev. Dr. Kuhns	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
42	Rev. H. Siekmann	.....	.....	.....	2 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
43	Rev. A. T. Ludwig	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
44	Stella, Synod Collections	7 33	.....	.....	7 13	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....
	Totals	241 45	133 33	$24 25	171 71	105 61	$5 00	$15 52	$9 90	181 58	64 06

Lincoln, Neb., September 1, 1897.

Year 1896 to 1897.

General Synod	Nebraska Synod	Education. Beneficiary	Education. Board of	Education. Midland College Library Fund	Education. Western Theological Seminary	Melanchthon Memorial Library Building	Orphans' Home	Pastors' Fund	Deaconess Board	National Lutheran Home	Totals
$1 27	$1 00						$4 10				$37 42
							3 07		$1 00		9 34
1 11	5 92	$14 80	$7 40	$1 00				$7 40	2 54	$3 72	109 68
1 57		2 79	2 88				3 59				21 83
		2 44	1 91				3 11				9 96
	3 20	8 00	4 00								35 16
	4 00	17 30	4 00								37 10
	2 00	4 20	2 00								12 20
2 53		4 00									19 35
		2 75									2 75
											7 90
60		5 60	1 00								20 52
68	3 12					$2 00		2 00	1 00	1 00	19 47
		8 50	5 00				5 40				43 07
4 61	3 39	5 00				3 00					24 00
2 25	6 40	10 38	5 35	3 00		3 03					94 24
1 77		4 21									17 18
2 20	4 00	14 00						70			81 60
	9 32	25 50	8 40						3 15	4 25	92 22
3 76		18 75			$100 00						207 42
		8 56				2 00	1 00				35 40
2 09	5 52	13 80	6 90				4 26	6 90			90 08
											4 11
63	3 36	8 40	4 20	2 25			6 00	4 20	1 47	2 10	71 10
											84
							1 75				3 0
											10 9
78		5 20									23 28
58	1 82	7 60	2 10					2 10		1 05	27 44
1 00											6 00
3 45	3 68	17 00	10 00					2 80			107 47
99	3 52	13 20	4 40					4 40	1 54	2 20	59 32
1 44	3 25	6 00	4 77				3 32	1 75	90		46 30
98	2 75	6 50	1 50					1 04			29 05
88	3 62	6 40				1 20	7 62				23 12
											6 10
3 60	9 60	30 90	12 00					12 00	4 20		151 65
											5 00
72	2 00		7 10			3 42	12 94				62 40
2 00	4 00	10 00	1 00								20 00
	2 00	1 00									4 00
											2 05
	2 00										2 00
											20 46
$41 48	$89 47	$263 58	$95 91	$6 25	$100 00	$14 65	$56 22	$45 29	$15 80	$14 30	$1715 36

S. C. CROUNSE, *Treasurer.*

The report was referred to Committee No. 3.

Advisory Members.

Rev. Wm. Rosenstengel, Wartburg Synod.

Rev. J. A. Koser, Iowa Synod.

Rev. F. E. Leamer, Wittenberg Synod.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions.

Rev. H. L. Yarger, Field Secretary of the Board of Church Extension.

The Rev. Gray, pastor of the Methodist Church, Dakota City, was introduced to Synod.

Mr. Angus B. Leamer, of the Western Theological Seminary, Atchison, Kan., was invited to be seated within the bar of Synod.

Election of Officers.

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year:

President—Rev. Luther P. Ludden, Lincoln, Neb.

Secretary—Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, Omaha, Neb.

Statistical Secretary—Rev. H. A. Wolfe, Surprise, Neb.

Treasurer—S. C. Crounse, Lincoln, Neb.

Report of the Committee on Traveling Secretary.

Mr. President and Brethren: We would report a quiet effort during the year to reduce the indebtedness of the Committee. The following is the

TREASURER'S REPORT.

House Account.

Jan. 1, 1896, balance on hand	$5 97	
Received from house rent	202 50	
Total		$208 47
Paid Robt. Weidensall, balance due	$40 00	
Paid county taxes four (4) years	75 70	
Paid for papering, repairing, etc	50 37	
		166 07
Balance on hand		$42 40

January 1, 1896, to January 9, 1897, subscription account	$62 50
Paid on salary account of Rev. C. Huber	62 50

We owe Rev. C. Huber for Traveling Secretary services a balance of $159.50.

Respectfully yours, M. W. SWAIN, *Treasurer.*

The house at 1819 Pinkney street, Omaha, is rented for $15.00 per month, and is in good repair.

As the terms of office of Rev. W. A. Lipe and Messrs. J. F. Wilhelmy and M. W. Swain expire with this year, it becomes necessary for Synod to appoint a committee to nominate three members of this committee, beside the President of Synod, who is *ex officio* a member of this committee, whose term of office shall be three years.

We recommend the continuance of the committee, with authority to use their best endeavors to reduce the debt.

On behalf of the Committee, LUTHER M. KUHNS,
Sec. of Com. on Traveling Secretary.

On motion, the report was referred to Special Committee No. 16.

Report of Delegates to the General Synod.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

Fathers and Brethren: Your delegates to the General Synod, elected at your last convention, would respectfully report that the thirty-eighth Convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the United States of America met in Mansfield, Ohio, on the evening of June 9, 1897, and continued in session until the evening of June 17th.

After the usual opening exercises, the General Synod was organized by the election of Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., of the California Synod, President; Rev. W. S. Freas, D. D., of the West Pennsylvania Synod, Secretary, and Mr. Louis Manss, of the Miami Synod, Treasurer. Subsequently, the Rev. L. P. Ludden, of our own delegation, was appointed Assistant Secretary.

There was an unusually full attendance of the several delegations, and the great majority of them remained until the close of the Synod. We doubt if the General Synod ever before adjourned finally with so large a representation of the delegates on the floor. The entire delegation elected by this Synod was present at the Convention.

As very full reports of the discussions and of the business transacted were published at the time in the church papers, and the minutes of the General Synod have been published since, we do not deem it necessary, or expedient, to make any detailed statement of them in this report. We desire only to call attention to several points of a general character, which seem to your delegates worthy of special mention and emphasis.

1. The general unanimity and good feeling of the body were remarkable.

Nearly every meeting of the General Synod, for several years past, has been preceded by dire prophecies of coming debate and division, and probable disaster. In this respect the recent meeting was no exception. But never were prophets of evil more mistaken. From start to finish a spirit of peace and fraternity seemed to prevail. Of course there was difference of opinion on some subjects, and sometimes discussion was earnest and animated. But it was never bitter or personal. And when at last a vote was reached, it was in nearly all cases practically unanimous. On all sides there was manifested a spirit of forbearance and concession that made serious division impossible, and preserved the general harmony of the body in a remarkable degree.

2. A general spirit of conservatism was also manifest, a disposition to stand by the old landmarks and the legislation of the past. No backward steps were taken in any direction. Every one's face seemed to be to the future, but it was a future in harmony with the past, and its legitimate historical successor, that was sought.

3. The reports of all the General Boards of the Church indicated a faithful administration of the several trusts committed to them, by those constituting these Boards, and also showed very encouraging progress in the work.

In the few cases in which disaffected parties complained of the action of the Boards, and sought to have their decisions reversed at the hands of the General Synod, that body, while ready to give a patient and courteous hearing to such complainants, showed a wise disposition to sustain the Boards, and to trust to the wisdom and integrity of these brethren who give so much of their time and labor gratuitously to the service of the Church.

The only discouraging feature of these reports was the deficiencies in the treasuries of several of the Boards, notably that of the Board of Home Missions. But it was made clear that these deficiencies came, not from any falling off in the contributions of the Church through the regular channels, but partly from smaller receipts than usual from legacies, and especially from the rapid growth of the work, under God's blessing, and the consequent demand for increased expenditure. The fact was generally recognized that, in view of the very great business depression during the past two years, we have every reason to congratulate ourselves, and to be grateful to God, that these deficiencies are no larger. Few of the Missionary Boards of the other great denominations have been able to come through these trying times with so little loss of receipts and so little embarrassment from debt as our own.

4. The general work of the Church during the past two years, as indicated in the Report on the State of the Church, has been full of encouragement, and the outlook for the future is most hopeful. We quote two sentences from this report:

"We believe there has been growing among us a knowledge and appreciа-

tion of our scriptural doctrines, customs and mode of worship, with the preaching of the one and the practice of the other. . . . On the whole, the reports that come up from the churches are hopeful and cheering, and we thank God and take courage."

5. Perhaps the matter of most direct and practical interest to our own Synod is the fact of so large a deficiency in our contributions to nearly all the Boards of the Church, as indicated by the following table gathered from the reports submitted to the General Synod:

Object.	Apportionment for Two Years.	Paid.	Deficit.
General Synod Treasury	$65 00	$65 00	
Home Missions	1081 00	852 67	$228 33
Foreign Missions	891 00	673 90	217 10
Church Extension	891 00	685 19	205 81
Board of Education	413 00	189 04	223 96
Pastors' Fund	261 44	65 56	195 88
Home for the Aged	112 00	23 50	88 50
Deaconess Board	90 00	34 88	55 12
Totals	$3804 44	$2589 74	$1214 70

This is not a showing to be proud of, nor to rejoice in, in itself considered. And yet, when all the circumstances are remembered, the long continued vacancies in some of our pastorates, the general failure of crops for the past two years, the great depression in business, and the consequent struggle most of our churches and very many of our people have had to save themselves from bankruptcy, we may perhaps find more to encourage than to discourage in these facts. We are fully persuaded that the deficiencies have not arisen from any lack of interest in these great benevolent causes, on the part of either our pastors or people, nor from any general unwillingness to give to their support "according as the Lord prospers" them, but rather from a positive lack of means and the ability to give. And we feel assured that, with better crops and returning prosperity, our people will come up to the help of every good cause, and that our record for the next two years will be much better.

6. We report, therefore, the following apportionments for the several Boards for the coming two years, and recommend that they be cheerfully accepted, and that as a Synod and as congregations, we make an earnest effort, by God's help and blessing, to raise the full amount for every object.

Object.	Apportioned for First Year.	Apportioned for Second Year.	Total for Two Years.
General Synod Treasury	$34 00	$46 00	$80 00
Home Missions	581 00	564 00	1145 00
Foreign Missions	452 00	439 00	891 00
Church Extension	452 00	439 00	891 00
Board of Education	225 00	232 00	457 00
Pastors' Fund	225 00	232 00	457 00
Deaconess Board	77 00	82 00	159 00
Home for Aged	112 00	116 00	228 00
Totals	$2158 00	$2150 00	$4308 00

Very respectfully submitted,

JACOB A. CLUTZ, *Chairman*,
L. GROH,
A. J. TURKLE,
LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
H. W. KUHNS,
O. P. GOODMAN,
S. C. CROUNSE,
JOHN FRERICHS,
W. H. HOGREFE,
H. J. PENFOLD,
Delegation.

Adopted.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That Synod meet for business from 9 a. m. to 12 m.; and from 2 to 4:30 p. m.

Adjourned with prayer.

FIRST DAY—SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod opened in the usual form.

The President announced the committees.

Report of Committee on Beneficiary Education.

Your Committee on Beneficiary Education would report that we had three young men on the funds of Synod during the past year. These young men were students at Midland College. Mr. Clarence Linhart was a member of the Sophmore Class, and has good reports in his class work. He has now entered the Junior Class, and desires the Synod to assist him with the appropriation of $100.00, the same amount as last year, which we recommend.

Mr. William Kahse was in the Middle Preparatory Class, and has entered the Senior Preparatory Class. He has made substantial progress. We recommend that $100.00 be appropriated for his support, and that he be expected to continue the study of Greek.

Mr. Otto L. Herse has been on our funds during the past year. But he has decided not to return to Midland, in which decision we acquiesce.

Mr. Sidney Wilson was teaching during the past year, and has asked the privilege to continue his work in the public schools this year, which request the Committee granted.

We recommend that twenty cents per member be apportioned to supply this fund, and that the pastors be requested to collect this money as early in the Synodical year as possible.

We further recommend that the Committee be authorized to assist, as far as the funds will allow, any other worthy young men who may present themselves during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. TURKLE,
LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
W. A. LIPE,
LUTHER M. KUHNS.

The report was adopted item by item, and as a whole.

Report of Executive Council.

One meeting of the Executive Council was held in Omaha, at which time the bond of the Treasurer of Synod, Mrs S. C. Crounse, by The United States Guarantee Company, was presented and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
LUTHER M. KUHNS,
L. J. MOTSCHMANN,
G. A. CRANNELL.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

The report is a very good one, and we make the following recommendations:

1. The adoption of the President's report as a whole.

2. On "IV. *Vacancies*" we recommend the following:

Resolved, a. That whenever a congregation becomes vacant the same shall correspond with the President of Synod with reference to securing a pastor.

Resolved, b. That where a charge has been vacant some time, we recommend it shall accept as a supply the minister recommended by the President, if said minister will accept such support as they can give.

3. That a Memorial Committee of three be appointed by the President.

4. That Synod acknowledge with thanks the extensive and efficient work of the President.

Respectfully submitted,

L. J. MOTSCHMANN,
L. GROH,
W. C. ECKHART.

Adopted item by item and as a whole.

The application for licensure of Mr. Angus B. Leamer, a member of the Senior class in the Western Theological Seminary, was referred to the Examining Committee.

Adjourned with prayer.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

TUESDAY, 8:00 P. M.

The evening session was devoted to an address on "Foreign Missions," by Rev. L. J. Motschmann, and an address on "Moral Education," by Rev. Max F. Schulz.

Collection for Foreign Missions, $7.65.

SECOND DAY—FIRST SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9:00 A. M.

Synod opened in usual form.

Church at Yutan.

The President announced the following committee on the condition of affairs in the church at Yutan, viz.: Revs. W. C. McCool, L. Groh, L. J. Motschmann. This Committee (No. 19) was instructed to meet one week from next Monday night.

Place and Time for Next Convention of Synod.

Nebraska City was selected as the place for holding the next convention of Synod, and the time was fixed for the first Wednesday in September.

Report of Committee No. 17—On Minutes of the General Synod.

Your Committee would report that we find nothing requiring action of Synod that has not already been mentioned in the report of the Delegates to General Synod.

Respectfully submitted. GEO. W. DELL,
J. G. GROENMILLER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Luther League.

In accordance with the action of Synod at Stella (see Min., p. 17), a convention was held in St. Mark's Church, Lincoln, on Aug. 10th and 11th, at which time a State Central Luther League for Nebraska was organized. The officers elected are: President, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns; Vice-Presidents, Revs. Fr. Schwarz, J. Pedersen, C. Christenson, and D. Z. Foulk; Recording Secretary, Mr. Harry T. Bowen; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Margaret Pierson; Statistical Secretary, Miss Daisy Tockey; Treasurer, Mr. D. F. Easterday.

The future for the Nebraska State League is most promising. The spirit of harmony and fraternity in the convention was delightful; and an earnest purpose appeared to make the League helpful to the cause of the Lutheran Church. Because of this we believe the future to be propitious.

While not a matter for action by Synod, as the Luther League knows no Synodical connection, but only the whole household of faith, on behalf of the State League I would solicit the co-operation of our pastors, whatever may be the name of the Society in connection with their churches. The next convention meets in Beatrice.

On behalf of the Committee,
LUTHER M. KUHNS, *Chairman.*

Adopted.

Report of Committee to Nominate Traveling Secretary Committee.

(For report see Calendar.)
Adopted.

Report of Committee on Excuses.

Your Committee on Excuses would report the following:

1. We have received word from the following brethren: Rev. C. A. Fritze, J. H. Link, W. F. Eyster, D. D., E. Roglin, J. Zimmerman, J. A. Clutz, D. D., S. L. Aughey, LL.D., D. Z. Foulk. Also from laymen E. Dodendorf, J. F.

Smith, C. D. Shultz, J. J. Stein, Paul Springer, E. Webber, D. S. Zimmerman, and Revs. H. Siekmann and G. H. Albright. They should be excused.

2. The following have sent no reason for absence: Rev. B. Sickel and Dr. A. C. Gearhart. We recommend that the provisions of the Constitution governing such cases be enforced.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. WHITE,
H. A. WOLFE.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on State of Religion.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would report the following:

We find in the reports placed in our hands much to encourage and that should call forth profound gratitude to Almighty God, while there is much that is not so encouraging.

1. *Prayer-meeting.*—In nearly all our congregations one or more weekly prayer-meetings, are held which are invariably reported as spiritual and interesting. We regret to say that nearly all are reported as "not so well attended as desired," and that so many of our people are not availing themselves of the helpfulness of this service.

2. *Infant Baptism.*—Infant baptisms have been numerous in many congregations, while in others this has been sadly neglected. Faithful efforts are being made by many of our pastors to educate parents in this line of duty.

3. *Catechisation.*—In some of our congregations unusually large classes have been instructed and confirmed. In others no classes were formed, other multiplied engagements having interfered.

4. *Sunday-schools.*—The Sunday-schools of our churches are invariably reported large and interesting. We are to be congratulated on this department of our work. The officers and teachers are reported regular and faithful, and doing an excellent work.

5. *Missionary Activity.*—In some of the congregations this is reported as encouraging and hopeful, in others not so good. The work is mainly done by the energy and perseverance of the ladies of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of the churches.

6. *Beneficence.*—In most of the churches this is reported as "not what it should be," due perhaps to the general financial depression in our country. Nearly all pastors report their people as "growing" in this grace. Considering all things, the benevolence in our churches is hopeful and healthful. With the revival of the business interests, we can look forward to increased activities and energy among our people in all the departments of our church work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. McCOOL,
H. W. KUHNS,
W. A. LIPE.
Committee.

Adopted, Synod standing and uniting in prayer with Rev. L. Groh.

Rev. E. Bollman, delegate to the German Nebraska Synod, reported that he had sent to that Synod a letter of fraternal greeting.

Rev. Luther P. Ludden was elected Synodical Visitor to Midland College.

SECOND DAY—SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod opened in usual form.

Report of the Committee on Minutes of South Platte Conference.

Your Committee on Minutes of South Platte Conference have examined these and find the following:

1. By motion of Conference, the following brethren, E. Bollman, A. C. Gearhart, D. D., and B. Sickel were requested to appear before Synod to render their excuse for absence from said Conference. We recommend that they be asked to do so.

2. We find also that the Secretary was requested to ascertain by correspondence the cause of brother Dell's absence, and report to Synod. Has he so reported?

3. We also find certain resolutions on Synodical Traveling Secretary that were to be sent as a memorial to General Synod. We recommend that the attention of Committee having in charge the report of Committee on Travelling Secretary be called to them for their consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. ZIMMER,
H. J. HAPEMAN.

The report was considered item by item. Revs. E. Bollman and G. W. Dell were excused by Synod. Item 3 was laid on the table, after which the report was adopted.

Report of Special Committee on Letter of Dismissal of West Pennsylvania Synod.

The papers referred to your Committee are:

First, An official letter from the President of the West Pennsylvania Synod, Rev. W. S. Freas, D. D., notifying us of the action of said Synod in dismissing to our Synod the Rev. W. G. Gettle, who lives within the bounds of this Synod, and asking that it be accepted in the interests of ecclesiastal order and intersynodical courtesy.

Second, The protest from the Rev. W. G. Gettle against the acceptance of this letter of dismissal in this form.

After a careful examination of all the papers we present the following:

We would be very glad to have Rev. W. G. Gettle enrolled as a member of this body, but are impelled to recognize his protest and therefore recommend:

1. That the letter from the West Pennsylvania Synod be returned to them by the Secretary, accompanied by the request that Bro. Gettle's name be again placed on their roll.

2. That if this request is complied with we recommend that the Rev. W. G. Gettle ask for a letter of dismissal from said Synod, in order that he may unite with us, in accordance with his wish expressed in his letter of protest.

3. We recommend that the Secretary forward a copy of this action to the President of the West Pennsylvania Synod and to the Rev. W. G. Gettle.

Respectfully submitted,
LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
H. W. KUHNS,
R. A. WHITE.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your Committee would respectfully report that four papers were put into their hands:

1. A letter of Rev. E. Roglin, asking that his name be properly printed. This can be done without any action.

2. Printed slips and a letter from Rev. Dr. Haithcox. He asks for a full apportionment, and that his letter be read to Synod. We recommend Synod to comply.

3. We recommend a cordial endorsement of the sentiment in the action of the California Synod, favoring a union of our household of faith, and while recognizing the difference between unity and organic union, we would hail a consummation of this desirable purpose on the part of these brethren.

Respectfully submitted,
L. GROH,
J. F. CRESSLER,
S. C. CROUNSE.

After amending item 3 and striking out item 4, the report was adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on North Platte Conference.

Your Committee on Minutes of North Platte Conference reiterate the report made to the Synod last year, that the Minutes of said Conference "are not here and therefore cannot be examined."

We learn, however, on investigation, that no meeting of this Conference has been held since the last meeting of Synod.

We would recommend that Synod take some action on the matter.

Respectfully submitted,
H. A. WOLFE,
R. W. PETREA,
MAX F. SCHULZ.

The report was received, but was not adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Year.

Your Committee have examined the minutes of last year and find nothing that claims the attention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. BOLLMAN,
J. BENDER,
C. J. RINGER.

Adopted.

Report of Obituary Committee.

God in His all-wise Providence has removed from our midst Ada, the beloved and faithful wife in the gospel ministry of Rev. R. A. White, and also the infant baby angel, Julius Lewis, of Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Motschmann:

Resolved. That we, the members of the Nebraska Synod, do herewith tender our prayerful sympathy to these brethren.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC N. AUGUSTINE,
C. J. RINGER,
L. F. M. EASTERDAY.

Adopted, Synod standing while Rev. W. A. Lipe offered prayer.

Notice of an amendment to the Constitution of Synod was given by the Secretary:

To amend the Constitution of Synod by striking out Section 4 of Article XIV., and making Section 5 to be Section 4.

Laid over for one year, as provided in Constitution.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to purchase a satchel, at a cost not exceeding $4.00, to contain his books and papers.

Report of Auditing Committee.

We your Committee to audit the Treasurer's books, accounts and documents, beg leave to submit the following:

1. We have carefully examined the books and vouchers pertaining to the Treasurer's office and find all correct.

2. We commend the methods and neatness with which the books have been kept.

3. We heartily commend the interest manifested by our Treasurer in sending out statements of the Synod's needs, thus bringing increased amounts into the treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. WHITE,
J. F. CRESSLER.

Adopted.

Adjourned with prayer.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, 7:30 P. M.

The evening services were devoted to Home Missions, at which time Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, delivered an address.

Collection, $11.19.

THIRD DAY—FIRST SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9:00 A. M.

Synod opened in usual form.

No. 16—Report of Committee on Report of Traveling Secretary.

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee on Traveling Secretary recommend that said report be adopted, and that the Committee be instructed to correspond with the Board of Home Missions, with a view to co-operating in putting a Synodical Secretary into the field at as early a date as practicable.

Respectfully submitted,

L. J. MOTSCHMANN,
GEO. W. DELL,
J. F. CRESSLER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Vacancies.

Your Committee on Vacancies would report that we have consulted with the Commissioner from the First English Lutheran church of Lincoln in reference to their pastorate, and cannot make any recommendation helping them to a pastor.

Yutan is supplied with English preaching very acceptably by Rev. John N. Zimmer, but is looking for a supply that can preach both German and English.

Roca has reported to the Committee through their Commissioner, Mr. J. J. Stein, and express the desire that they be supplied with a pastor in connection with some other point. We would recommend that the President of Synod take steps to bring about a union of this church with Wilber, or some other congregation, into one pastorate.

Zion's, of Pawnee, is supplied by Mr. E. E. Stouffer. The other vacancies are under the care of the Board of Home Missions, and will be referred to in their report.

Respectfully submitted, A. J. TURKLE,
W. A. LIPE.

Adopted.

Report of Examining Committee.

Your Committee would respectfully report that we have examined the applicant, Mr. Angus B. Leamer, referred to us by this Synod. The candidate is a graduate of Wittenberg College, and has taken one year in the Western Theological Seminary at Atchison, Kansas. He has passed a creditable examination in all the branches prescribed by our Constitution with the exception of pastoral theology and church government, which he has not yet pursued, but will have them in this year's course. He expects to return to the seminary this year and finish the course. We recommend that he be licensed for one year, according to the rules and usages of our church.

Respectfully submitted, H. W. KUHNS,
L. GROH,
J. G. GROENMILLER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

We respectfully submit the following:

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to complete the file of the Minutes of Synod, from 1889 to 1897 inclusive, and that these be bound for the use of Synod.

Resolved, That we greatly deplore the publication in a Lutheran paper of the untrue statements of Bishop Hott.

Resolved, That we regret that any Lutheran paper should open its columns to misrepresent the Lutheran Church in Germany and Scandinavia.

Resolved, That the Secretary of Synod be instructed to have 600 copies of our Minutes printed for distribution, at a cost not exceeding $75.00, including delivery.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are hereby tendered to the pastor and members of this (Salem) congregation, for the generous and pleasant entertainment of this body, and that the President, on Sunday evening, be requested to make known this action to the congregation.

Respectfully submitted, W. DIEFFENBACH,
J. G. GROENMILLER,
GEO. W. DELL,
Committee.

Adopted item by item. As amended, adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Apportionment.

	No. of Members	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Church Extension	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund	General Synod	Beneficiary Education	Synodical Treasury	Deaconess Board	National Lutheran Home	Total
Per member	.....	.18	.23½	.18	.09	.09	.01½	.20	.08	.03	.04½	1.14½
Auburn	66	$11 88	$15 40	$11 88	$5 94	$5 94	$0 99	$13 20	$5 28	$1 98	$2 97	$75 46
Benedict, Zion	75	13 50	17 50	13 50	6 75	6 75	1 13	15 00	6 00	2 25	3 38	85 76
" Bethel	35	6 30	8 17	6 30	3 15	3 15	53	7 00	2 80	1 05	1 58	40 01
Beatrice	77	13 86	17 97	13 86	6 93	6 93	1 16	15 40	6 16	2 31	3 47	88 05
Bartlett	8	1 44	1 87	1 44	72	72	12	1 60	64	24	34	9 13
" Ericson	9	1 62	2 10	1 62	81	81	14	1 80	72	27	39	10 28
" Wolbach	12	2 16	2 80	2 16	1 08	1 08	18	2 40	96	36	54	13 72
Davenport	94	16 92	21 93	16 92	8 46	8 46	1 41	18 80	7 52	2 82	4 23	107 47
" Carlisle, St. Paul's	19	3 42	4 43	3 42	1 71	1 71	29	3 80	1 52	57	86	21 73
David City	43	7 74	10 03	7 74	3 87	3 87	65	8 60	3 44	1 29	1 94	49 17
Dakota City, Emanuel	39	7 02	9 10	7 02	3 51	3 51	59	7 80	3 12	1 17	1 76	44 60
" Salem	84	15 12	19 60	15 12	7 56	7 56	1 26	16 80	6 72	2 52	3 78	96 04
" St. Paul's	29	5 22	6 77	5 22	2 61	2 61	44	5 80	2 32	87	1 31	33 17
Grand Island	60	10 80	14 00	10 80	5 40	5 40	90	12 00	4 80	1 80	2 70	68 60
Hasting, St. Paul's	186	33 48	43 40	33 48	16 74	16 74	2 79	37 20	14 88	5 58	8 37	212 66
Hardy	110	19 80	25 67	19 80	9 90	9 90	1 65	22 00	8 80	3 30	4 95	125 77
Lincoln, Grace	95	17 10	22 17	17 10	8 55	8 55	1 43	19 00	7 60	2 85	4 28	108 68
" First Church	86	15 48	20 07	15 48	7 74	7 74	1 29	17 20	6 88	2 58	3 87	99 33
North Platte	85	15 30	19 83	15 30	7 65	7 65	1 28	17 00	6 80	2 55	3 83	97 19
Nebraska City	63	11 34	14 70	11 34	5 67	5 67	95	12 60	5 04	1 89	2 84	72 04

Report of Committee on Apportionment.—*Concluded.*

	No. of Members.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education	Pastors' Fund	General Synod	Beneficiary Education	Synodical Treasury	Deaconess Board.	National Lutheran Home	Total
Per member	.....	.18	.23⅓	.18	.09	.09	.01⅛	.20	.08	.03	.04½	1.14⅓
Omaha, St. Mark's	74	$13 32	$17 27	$13 32	$6 66	$6 66	$1 11	$14 80	$5 92	$2 22	$3 33	$84 61
" Grace	75	13 50	17 50	13 50	6 75	6 75	1 13	15 00	6 00	2 25	3 37	85 75
" Kountze Memorial	265	47 70	61 83	47 70	23 85	23 85	3 97	53 00	21 20	7 95	11 92	302 97
Ponca	114	20 52	26 60	20 52	10 26	10 26	1 71	22 80	9 12	3 42	5 13	130 34
Pawnee City	38	6 84	8 87	6 84	3 42	3 42	57	7 60	3 04	1 14	1 71	43 45
" Zion	9	1 62	2 10	1 62	81	81	14	1 80	72	27	40	10 29
Steinauer	7	1 26	1 63	1 26	63	63	11	1 40	56	21	32	8 01
Pleasant Valley	45	8 10	10 50	8 10	4 05	4 05	68	9 00	3 60	1 35	2 02	51 45
Roca, Zion's	26	4 68	6 07	4 68	2 34	2 34	39	5 20	2 08	78	1 17	29 73
Surprise	50	9 00	11 67	9 00	4 50	4 50	75	10 00	4 00	1 50	2 25	57 17
Rising City	23	4 14	5 37	4 14	2 07	2 07	35	4 60	1 84	69	1 04	26 31
Stella, Trinity	120	21 60	28 00	21 60	10 80	10 80	1 80	24 00	9 60	3 60	5 40	137 20
Sidney	29	5 22	6 77	5 22	2 61	2 61	44	5 80	2 32	87	1 31	33 17
Tekamah, Emanuel	53	9 54	12 37	9 54	4 77	4 77	80	10 60	4 24	1 59	2 39	60 61
" Grace	33	5 94	7 70	5 94	2 97	2 97	50	6 60	2 64	99	1 49	37 74
Wayne, St. Paul's	60	10 80	14 00	10 80	5 40	5 40	90	12 00	4 80	1 80	2 70	68 60
West Point	137	24 66	31 97	24 66	12 33	12 33	2 06	27 40	10 96	4 11	6 16	156 64
Wilber	20	3 60	4 67	3 60	1 80	1 80	30	4 00	1 60	60	90	28 87
Waverly	38	6 84	8 87	6 84	3 42	3 42	57	7 60	3 04	1 14	1 71	43 45
Yutan, Zion	30	5 40	7 00	5 40	2 70	2 70	45	6 00	2 40	90	1 35	34 30

Adopted.

Respectfully submitted, C. J. RINGER. S. C. CROUNSE, G. A. CRANNELL.

Report of Committee on Synodical Calendar.

(See Calendar for 1897–1898.)

Adopted.

Report of Visitor to Midland College.

At the request of the President of Synod, I performed the pleasant duty of visitor to Midland College, Atchison, Kansas. The exercises of commencement week were most creditable to this young and growing institution of the Church. The financial condition of the College is most gratifying, and we are glad to learn that the institution begins the new scholastic year with encouraging prospects.

This institution is in a peculiar sense the child of the Church; and therefore pastors should bring the advantages of Midland College to the attention of their young people contemplating either an academic or collegiate course of study, with a view to having them go there in preference to any other institution.

We should remember that its welfare and success is of vast importance to our Church in the west, at whose demand it was established. Until the Church shall see fit to change a policy approved by time and experience, the schools of our Church should receive the preference over those of the State. We can recommend Midland College. With an efficient corps of professors and instructors, it offers the opportunity of a first-class Christian education in a wholesome atmosphere at a small expense. We ask for it the hearty co-operation of the pastors and congregations of Synod. Its merits deserve at least this much from us.

Respectfully submitted, LUTHER M. KUHNS.

Adopted.

The following letter from the German Nebraska Synod was read and ordered printed:

OHIOWA, NEB., SEPT. 9, 1897.

To the Honorable and Reverend President of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, in Session at Salem's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dakota County, Neb.:

Dear Sir: Herewith I communicate to you the resolution of our Synod passed in regard to your Jubilee:

Resolved, That we, the German Synod of Nebraska, offer our most sincere congratulations and well wishes to our sister Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, in session at the same time with us upon their twenty-fifth Jubilee.

We communicate our action by the hands of Rev. Dr. Barnitz:

[SEAL.] Signed: G. MUELLER, *Secretary.*

Rev. A. J. Turkle was excused from further attendance upon Synod.

On motion, a committee was appointed to confer with reference to the proposed union of the Lutheran churches at Lincoln. The following committee was named by Synod, viz.: Revs. G. W. Dell, W. A. Lipe, J. F. Cressler.

Adjourned with prayer.

THIRD DAY—SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod opened in usual form.

Report of the Advisory Board of Home Missions.

1. *Beatrice.*—The Rev. L. J. Motschmann continues the good work here. This has been a year of advance for this people in many ways. There has been a steady advance in the payment of the church debts. They always aim to meet their full apportionment.

2. *Benedict.*—Under the pastoral care of the Rev. R. A. White, this charge still continues to advance. It is hoped that with the return of bountiful harvests this people can carry out their chosen plans of soon becoming self-sustaining. The resignation of Pastor White takes effect November 1st. It is hoped that the church need not long be without a pastor.

3. *Bloomington.*—(Protocol.)

4. *Davenport.*—The Rev. E. Bollman is the pastor in charge of our work; the year shows advance along all of the lines. Everything is encouraging, and in a little while this ought to be one of our strong churches. Many of the members are among the most substantial farmers in that vicinity. The work being new, and the repeated crop failures, greatly hindered the development of this field.

5. *David City.*—The Rev. J. C. McCaughey closed his labors here November 1st. The young people of this charge are to be commended for the noble stand they took. In the face of much opposition they continued to hold their meetings and keep up the interests of the church. Since the Rev. A. C. Gearhart, D. D., began supplying them with preaching services, the work has greatly revived. The Board is not aiding in the salary of the supply pastor.

6. *Franklin.*—(Protocol.)

7. *Grand Island.*—The Rev. J. S. Leamer is still at the head of our work at this point. The year has been one of quickening zeal in the work of the Master. Special services have been held and several added to the church. The church is in good condition and has much to encourage forward movements all along the line.

8. *Hardy.*—The pastor, the Rev. C. J. Ringer, is faithfully doing his duty in this field. Like many of our charges, they must improve financially with the return of good crops and fair prices. There is at least a renewing of hop, and it ought not to be long before they again become self-sustaining.

9. *Lincoln, Grace.*—The Rev. L. P. Ludden is pastor of this church. They have not been receiving aid from the Board since May 1, 1897.

10. *Lincoln, St. Mark's.*—The Rev. W. H. Singley, D. D., was pastor until November 1, 1896. Since that time they have been without a pastor, but their pulpit has been regularly supplied. The Board also has given no aid to this mission since May 1, 1897.

11. *Omaha, Grace.*—Under the pastoral care of the Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, this church has enjoyed a most successful year. To-day they enjoy a new and beautiful brick home, free from debt save the obligation to the Board of Church Extension. The Luther League is a most helpful auxiliary. All departments of church work are well in hand. A catechetical class has been constantly conducted during the year. The audiences have materially increased and a bright and hopeful future is before this people.

12. *Omaha, St. Mark's.*—With the Rev. L. Groh as the faithful and efficient pastor, marked improvements have been made. All of the church work seems to be well in line. When the time comes that this church can rise and build, a greater advance will be made.

13. *Pawnee City.*—The Rev. R. W. Petrea remains in charge of the work. This field consisted of two separate and distinct charges—the church at Pawnee City, and Zion's church, about eleven miles in the country. The Zion's church asked for a separate pastor after April 30th, and their request was granted. In connection with the Pawnee City charge, the pastor has taken up active work at Steinauer, and the Board is supporting the work as now carried forward. The work in this form is very hopeful and encouraging.

14. *Sidney.*—We had planned to visit Sidney during the year, but failed. By correspondence, tried to effect a union of this point with Potter, 23 miles away; at the present time we have not succeeded. We still hope that something can be done for this part of our field.

15. *Wayne.*—This congregation became vacant April 1st. The frequent removals have greatly discouraged this people. If Synod only had a pastor at large, much might be accomplished for some of these fields. By some such careful work, Wayne might be again brought back to greater activity.

16. *Wilber.*—This field became vacant in November, 1896, by the removal of Pastor Groh. The President of Synod visited them twice. Our work ought to be pushed at this point with a great deal of vigor, and it is hoped that some one can soon be found to take up the work at this city.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
LUTHER M. KUHNS.

The report was adopted item by item. It was ordered that items 3 and 6 be spread only upon the protocol. The Rev. Dr. Barnitz, Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, pending the adoption of the report, addressed Synod upon the work of the Board he represents. The report was adopted as a whole.

Rev. E. Bollman was elected delegate to the German Nebraska Synod.

After the Preparatory Services, Rev. H. L. Yarger, Field Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, presented the interests of this department of our church work to Synod.

Report of Committee No. 10—On Leave of Absence.

Your Committee have excused the following: Messrs. S. C. Crounse and G. A. Crannell; also Rev. L. J. Motschmann. Rev. A. J. Turkle was excused by the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. PETREA,
H. J. HAPEMAN,
J. BENDER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Proposed Union of Churches in Lincoln.

Your Committee has had a conference with Prof. L. F. M. Easterday, regarding what had been done since the meeting of General Synod, concerning the proposed union of St. Mark's and Grace churches, Rev. L. P. Ludden and Secretaries Barnitz, of Home Missions, and Yarger, of Church Extension Boards, also being present. We listened patiently and with interest to the statement of Prof. Easterday, also of Rev. Ludden, and after due consideration, your Committee feel that neither of the plans of union suggested will bring about the end sought.

Therefore, we recommend that the whole matter be referred to the Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. DELL,
W. A. LIPE,
J. F. CRESSLER.

After full discussion by Synod, the report was unanimously adopted.

The minutes were read and finally approved.

Adjourned with prayer.

PREPARATORY SERVICE.

SATURDAY, 3 : 00 P. M.

The Preparatory Sermon, according to the appointment of Synod, was preached by Rev. R. A. White. Text: Isa. lxiii. 3.

THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION.

SATURDAY, 8 P. M.

At this time Rev. H. L. Yarger, Field Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, delivered an address upon the cause and work of Church Extension in the Lutheran Church.

Collection, $8.03.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. John's (German Lutheran) Church—a. m., Rev. J. G. Groenmiller.

Methodist Church, Dakota City—a. m., Rev. W. C. McCool.

" " *Homer*—a. m., Rev. W. A. Lipe.
p. m., Rev. W. Dieffenbach.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Sioux City—a. m. } Rev. L. J. Motschman.
p. m. }

Salem Lutheran Church—10 : 30 a. m., Communion Sermon, Rev. H. W. Kuhns, D. D. Text: Matt. xxviii. 6. Collection for the Board of Education, $15.30.

2 : 30 p. m., Sunday-school rally. Revs. C. J. Ringer, E. Bollman, W. A. Lipe, H. W. Kuhns, D. D., and S. B. Barnitz, D. D. Collection for Board of Education, $2.30.

Salem Lutheran Church—7 : 00 p. m., Christian Endeavor. Revs. R. W. Petrea, G. W. Dell, and L. P. Ludden.

8 : 00 p. m., Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska. Revs. J. G. Groenmiller, Luther M. Kuhns, and W. A. Lipe. Collection for Board of Education, $7.85.

At the conclusion of the anniversary addresses, Mr. Angus Blair Leamer, a member of Salem Lutheran Church, and a student in the Western Theological Seminary, was licensed to the gospel ministry for one year by the officers of Synod, assisted by the candidate's two brothers, the Revs. F. E. and J. S. Leamer.

The President declared Synod formally adjourned, to meet, according to the action of Synod, in the First Lutheran church in Nebraska City, Nebraska, on Wednesday evening, September 7, 1898.

LUTHER M. KUHNS,
Secretary.

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*To the Extension Board.

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